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The United States can easily be turned into a fascist nation at the stroke of a pen under the provisions of the Federal Emergency Management Act. What is being planned is cloaked in secrecy, but what has been revealed is frightening: suspension of our Constitutional rights; arrest of political dissenters without habeas corpus; and concentration camps, designed to hold millions of people, which are being readied all over the U.S. No approval by congress or state or local government is necessary to execute the plan.

Even local military or police authorities can declare martial law without consulting higher authority. Interviewed is investigator and author Chip
Berlet. We also intersperse sections of past programs with experts who deal with the subject of planned public persecutions, past and present. Some of
these experts include MIT's Noam Chomsky, University of Texas history professor Tom Philpott, former CIA officer John Stockwell, and congressmen Henry Gonzalez and Ron Paul.

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¤ John Stockwell segment recorded February and March, 1985
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Stockwell

¤ Frank and Doug segment recorded September 8, 1987
http://gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/kellner/index.html

¤ Arthur Kinoy segment recorded June, 1990
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Kinoy

¤ Frank Wilkinson segment recorded September, 1986
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¤ Tom Philpott segment recorded September, 1987 and February, 1984
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groups and organizations go too far they didn't try to repress them until they were actually coherent cogent active groups struggling for change they said we've got now to destroy these organizations and the leaders before they can actually create a preemptive strike so Democratic dissent right absolutely here's what a speaker in a FEMA conference in 1984 had to say the proper response of a democratic government to terrorist violence is to crush it by force exercised in a confident measured but thoroughly remorseless manner and here's what Ronald Reagan said it a cable splicer conference there are some people in this state who if they could see this gathering right now and my presence here would decide their worst fears and convictions have been realized I was planning a military takeover when Reagan was elected to the presidency he installed Lewis gia Freda as head of FEMA the Federal Emergency Management Agency geo Freda was an old cold warrior from Reagan's California days whose specialty was suppression of unrest and dissent Lois Geoffrey de who's a friend of Eddie's from California who likes to be called general although he was never a general in any military organization he lobbies he lectures he goes on television he's open openly demanding legislation that would create a give him the power so that in time of national emergency he can go in and declare martial law and he advocates martial law and he can he can lay a curfew on a town and put the National Guard on street corners and shoot people down in the streets he is openly advocating this and and he's not talking about doing it in nicaragua or El Salvador he's talking about doing it in our country martial law ships control from civilians to the

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law ships control from civilians to the military completely and without the necessity of a declaration Proclamation or other form of public manifesto martial rule is limited only by the principal a necessary force Louis you Freda the structures then that flow out of the California period a I think you're right to focus on the California period because it was a test lab for these new repressive technologies and the same people went to Washington well that's right I mean not only was it a paradigm but it was an airplane flight I mean these people flew into Washington when Reagan got elected and they had set up this whole superstructure training programs scenarios a view of the world that was coherently based on this paranoid view of the i call it the onion ring theory of domestic dissent you know because if you keep peeling away the layers of honest people you find a commie inside you know that what happened is that they simply now that they had the power to implement this on a national scale they did so gia Freda north and George Bush began to turn FEMA into an instrument of domestic anti-terrorism you're dealing with a group of people in the Reagan administration who equated political dissent with treason and who cannot differentiate between emergency procedures which I think everyone agrees are necessary and suppressing political dissent and with North and Poindexter and Casey you had a group of people who saw Americans who disagree with them as the enemy Alexander Coburn in in these times reports that G Alfredo attended the Army War College in 1970 and their wrote a paper advocating martial law in the case of a uprising by black militants along with Roundup and transfer to assembly centers of relocation camps at least 21 million

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relocation camps at least 21 million American Negroes this paper was the basis for part of this FEMA program of the Reagan administration's actually FEMA had been set up by Carter Joe Carter set up just for just for you know to take care of emergencies that right or big Wars something like this but the Reagan i'ts came in there and they they they installed there they brought jail fraida from California rise world view right and so what did they do what did FEMA set up and now what is the status today well what they set up was a series of structures for emergency management being localized outside of either the control of Congress or in fact the executive branch as a unit and they set up a parallel structure to manage society in the case of a crisis which did not necessarily have to react to the input of Congress or necessarily react to the inputted president but could actually be a person not the president and not responding to Congress could then take over emergency management of accounting a city of state or in fact the whole country a fairly authoritarian worldview here operating and that the the means of doing this was achieved through a series of laws and executive orders that were passed first proposed as a package and rejected as much too authoritarian and then simply slip through one at a time in different bills the spotlight has a eight page special on the whole aspect of listening it says that what FEMA has done is to set up a parallel government and all these people are trained and people at the state and local levels are trained also and particularly the police organizations but people are trained so that when the president gives the word and of course all he has to do is give the word that he doesn't have to get common congressional approval he says it's a national emergency then they have things

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national emergency then they have things set up so that they actually go in and they will run the various departments in the executive branch a little bit over the military to do this I have some information on this Frank to his published in in these times that somehow got hold of the Department of Defense directive that was put out by the Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA that Oliver North helped to write up in the Pentagon document states in those areas in which martial law has been proclaimed military resources may be used for local law enforcement normally a state of martial law will be proclaimed by the president however in the absence of such action by the president a senior military commander may impose martial law in an area of his command where there has been a complete breakdown and the exercise of government functions by local civilian authorities military assumption of judicial law enforcement and administrative functions of local government will be based on necessity tis actual and president and the performance of these functions will continue only is so long as the necessity of that extreme nature requires interim military intervention if there was a nuclear war or if there were saying invasion of Central America and there was protest by the people against that a national emergency could be proclaimed and this FEMA act would make it possible for the military to take over local government to take over the courts to take over the media the set up concentration camps for all of the protesters against the current government policy and to infect have in effect that martial law in the country this the author of this directive was Frank Carlucci who is now Reagan's a national security adviser and of course Oliver North under any type of emergency they were they would be able to arrange for the succession to office an

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for the succession to office an emergency organization of departments in agencies in other words they determine who would be running the government they would determine which governments both which people both in and out of government would have the access to shelters in case of war and so you got to have a buddy of FEMA if you want to live and they would also coordinate the federal activities concerning international civil emergency planning well of course under Reagan this became much more sinister and like you say all this training which they had done in California but there's another sinister aspect of this to sound like the Soviet Union the Department of Health and Human Services would set up mental health centers where citizens consider deranged or overly upset might be confined at the pleasure of the president but what this is is the spot light goes on and say they're actually people who are trained so that they can move in and

take over the Sabine as well as in using the military so they can actually have a complete coup and that's the crisis we face now that's their response to these turmoils are the people things are exactly what they are doing now is they r reacts para menteng with an abandonment of the elementary principles of the Constitution and replacing it by what let's face it what are they replacing it by they're replacing it by total totalitarian rule of the master up there so it gives the president totalitarian powers to suspend the Constitution to violate anyone's right whenever the president deems it's necessary and what I discovered a lot of people throughout the country don't know is that Reagan and Bush sent out of the north to FEMA the Federal Emergency Management Agency to do a memorandum as to what they should do in case of an

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to what they should do in case of an emergency where I mean where a lot of people in this country would not agree with their engaging in military activities I can't vision like an invasion or anywhere in the world and what's due and he writes out then this was it as you know the Miami Herald during the iran-contra hearings July fifth 1987 that the president should issue an order and in so many words and when I saw that for the first time I couldn't believe it suspending the constitutional United States suspending the Congress and replacing it with a military government suspending local and state legislatures suspending the courts and replacing with military tribunals and establishing detention camps throughout the country in which any person who didn't agree with this Proclamation would be thrown in depth and what's even worse that isn't just a decision of the president they've delegated that provisions to delegate this authority to local commanders and police authorities so that they can suspend civil liberties on a local basis of your liver whenever they want to I think one of the most key elements of it is nationalizing in essence the National Guard and taking away control of the National Guard in a time of emergency from the governor who is of course responding to an electorate and placing the control directly into the military who is not responding to either Congress or the president but potentially a group of emergency managers in some little bunker someplace who take control of America in the name of Congress in the presidency until things are back under control now there's scenario this is a little bit like dr. Strangelove exactly where they the military would take over and in fact there's scenarios were nuclear war that after a nuclear war you would need some group to try to get production organized or save lives etc but well that was under Carter yeah that was that was the theory is real this this was at the origin of this but they also talked about national emergencies like during

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about national emergencies like during the Central America era where there was talk about invasion of Nicaragua whether it would be dissent as there was in Vietnam and then the president could declare a national emergency right and they could round up dissidents that literally put them in concentration camps like that were named and localized was under the this room they already had this Marik nothing new Under the macaron a yeah this was different in that it delegated this authority to come in and put people in concentration camps and declare martial law to the local level yeah I mean that was the key to how horrible it was is that there was no one who was responding to an electorate had control over this decision making is a group of managers no micromanagers and macro managers are going to move in and decide that your your city is to riotous we're going to shut it down and take care of business and we'll give it back to you and things are back under control well that's you know pretty scary it's pretty scary construct and there's any local police authority or army or military authority can say hey I don't want like what's happening this town okay there we are sign in order right but they did have a national organization of FEMA they had an office it was a very vill Virginia that's correct that had a little village that would manage things like in case of a national emergency and we have no idea who these people were what their plans were they certainly Janeiro's were they certainly didn't appear in front of Congress and justify themselves because they could because if they ever did people go nuts there's a top secret really neo-fascist authoritarian military that's fascinating during the iran-contra hearings is when representative Brooks tried to bring this up and he was silenced bipartisan silent I mean everyone said oh we don't talk about these things you know because it's it's too important to keep this quiet Colonel North in your work at the NSC were you not assigned at one time to work on plans for the continuity of government in the event of a major disaster mr. Chairman I believe that

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disaster mr. Chairman I believe that question touches upon a highly sensitive and classified area so may I request that you not touch upon that sir i was particularly concerned the chairman because i read in miami papers and several others that they had been a plan developed by that same agency a contingency plan in the event of emergency that would suspend the American Constitution and I was deeply concerned about it and wondered if that was area in which he had worked I believe I most respectfully request that that matter not be touched upon at this stage if we wish to get into this on certain arrangements can be made for an executive session immediately suppressed any say this is something we can't discuss that yo

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